

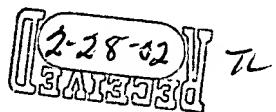
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IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 5 and 8 as shown below.

5. A method of generating a manipulated output image by means of a digital camera, the method comprising the steps of:
capturing a focused image using an automatic focusing technique generating focus settings; generating a manipulated output image by applying a digital image manipulating process to the captured focused image, the digital image manipulating process utilizing the focus settings.
8. A method of generating a digital image according to claim 6, further including the step of printing out the manipulated image by means of a printing mechanism [incorporated] inbuilt into the digital camera

A clean copy of claims 5 and 8 is attached. No new matter is being claimed in these amended claims

REMARKS

The Examiner cites Anderson et al. ('394) as disclosing a method that captures a focused image and generates a manipulated output (page 3, lines 1-4) but fails to disclose "capturing a focused image using an automatic focusing technique generating focus settings" (page 3 lines 4,5).

Further Anderson ('175) teaches, it is asserted, "a method for automatically focusing an image" referring to col 3, lines 30-39 and figures 1 and 2. However Anderson ('175) does not teach generating focus settings which are used in the digital image manipulating process as claimed in claim 5. If focused settings are generated then there is no suggestion to use them other than to indicate when it is more appropriate to take or capture a photograph or digital image. Anderson ('175) includes a computer 20 which can manipulate the digital image of CCD 26 via an operating system in ROM 58 to interpolate, colour correct or compress the images (see col 6, lines 9-53 especially lines 24-28) but not to use any focus settings to manipulate the "captured focused image" as now claimed.